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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

SHELDON AVERY THOMAS,

Defendant.

Case:2:22-cr-20365

Judge: Drain, Gershwin A.

MJ: Grand, David R.

Filed: 07-13-2022 At 04:24 PM

INDI USA V. THOMAS (NA)

Violations:

18 U.S.C. § 922(a)(6)

INDICTMENT

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

COUNT ONE

False Statement in the Acquisition of a Firearm

18 USC § 922(a)(6)

Between May 29, 2022 and June 7, 2022, in the Eastern District of Michigan, in connection with the acquisition of a firearm, a Century Arms Draco pistol, from Action Impact, a licensed dealer of firearms within the meaning of Chapter 44, Title 18, United States Code, the defendant SHELDON AVERY THOMAS knowingly made a false and fictitious written statement to Action Impact, which statement was intended and likely to deceive the dealer as to a fact material to the lawfulness of such sale of the said firearm under chapter 44 of Title

18, in that THOMAS falsely and fictitiously represented that he was the actual purchaser of the firearm, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(a)(6), 924(a)(2), and 2.

FORFEITURE ALLEGATIONS
**(18 U.S.C. §§ 924, 981(a)(1)(C); 21 U.S.C. § 853;
28 U.S.C. § 2461(c))**

1. The allegations contained in Count One of this Indictment are hereby incorporated by reference for the purpose of alleging forfeiture pursuant to the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924 and 981(a)(1)(C).

2. As a result of the foregoing violations charged in Count One of this Indictment, the defendant SHELDON AVERY THOMAS shall, upon conviction, forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(d)(1), and Title 28 United States Code, Section 2461(c), any firearm, ammunition, or body armor involved in said offense(s).

THIS IS A TRUE BILL

s/ Grand Jury Foreperson
GRAND JURY FOREPERSON

DAWN N. ISON
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

s/ Craig F. Wininger

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s/ Barbara Lanning

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Dated: July 13, 2022

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Criminal Case Cover Sheet

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NOTE: It is the responsibility of the Assistant U.S. Attorney signing this

in all respects.

Companion Case Information	Companion Case Number:
This may be a companion case based on LCrR 57.10(b)(4) ¹ :	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	AUSA's Initials: <u>BHL</u>

Case Title: USA v. Sheldon Avery Thomas

County where offense occurred: Macomb

Offense Type: Felony

Indictment -- prior complaint [Case No. 22-mj-30304]

Superseding Case Information

Superseding to Case No: _____ Judge: _____

Reason:

Defendant Name

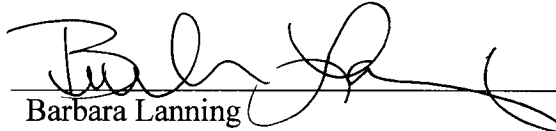
Charges

Prior Complaint (if applicable)

Please take notice that the below listed Assistant United States Attorney is the attorney of record for the above captioned case

July 13, 2022

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